

**Wisconsin Department of Transportation  
ENVIRONMENTAL EVALUATION OF FACILITIES DEVELOPMENT ACTIONS**

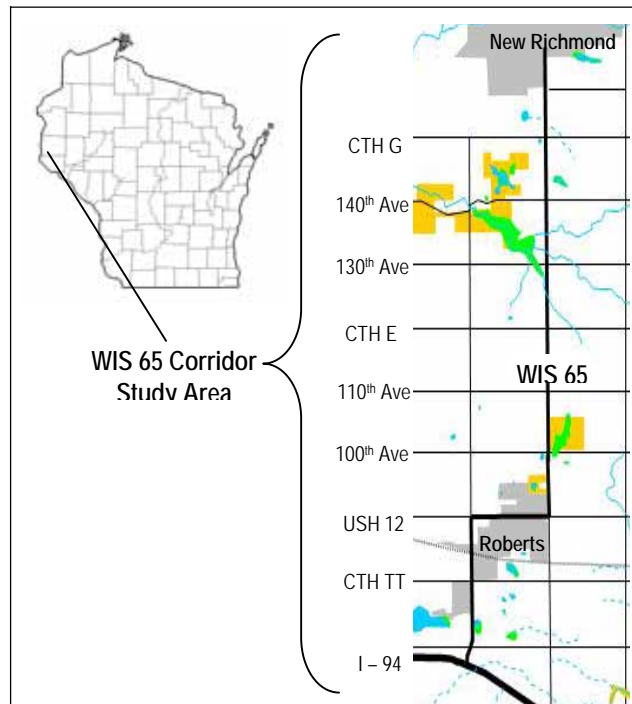
<b>Project I.D.</b> 1540-02-02	<b>Funding Source</b> <input type="checkbox"/> State Only <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Federal
<b>Project Termini</b> WIS 65	<b>Federal Number</b> _____
<b>Section</b> IH 94 to Paperjack Street	<b>Estimated Project Cost (Include R/W Acquisition)</b> \$31,000,000
<b>County</b> St. Croix	

<p>It is determined, after review of the comments from the public, and coordination with other agencies, that this action would not significantly affect the quality of the human environment. This document is a</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI).</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Environmental Assessment (EA) No Significant Impacts Indicated by Initial Assessment</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Assessment (EA) EIS Required</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Report (2-ER)</p>
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**1. Description of Proposed Action (Attach project location map and other appropriate graphics).**

The proposed action locates improvements for preservation of the WIS 65 corridor between IH 94 and the City of New Richmond. The study corridor is shown in Figure 1-1 and is located in Northwest Wisconsin near the Village of Roberts and the City of New Richmond. Funding for construction of the project has not been appropriated and construction has not been scheduled. The preferred alternative described in this EA is not likely to be constructed until the year 2020 or later.

This EA compares the construction impacts of several alternatives to select the most environmentally balanced corridor for future WIS 65 expansion. Local governments, in cooperation with WisDOT, will seek to preserve this corridor until highway improvements can be funded.



**Figure 1-1 Project Corridor**

Rapid development in the vicinity of the study corridor is expected to make corridor preservation efforts vital to minimizing future improvement costs, feasibility, and impacts to human and natural communities.

The impacts being evaluated in this document are those of the future construction of the alternatives. The effects of corridor preservation are acknowledged, the focus of this document is to preserve the WIS 65 corridor location with the least impacts. Corridor preservation measures that may be implemented include zoning and official mapping. These corridor preservation measures will require close coordination with local communities.